



University of California

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory

Procurement & Materiel

July 14, 2004

Company Name

Attention: Representative Name

Address

City, State & Zip

Subject: **Request for Proposal Number B539728**
Proposal due August 17, 2004

The University of California, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (hereinafter called "University") requests a proposal for an open source high performance production cluster InfiniBand infrastructure in accordance with this Request for Proposal (RFP) and the enclosed sample Subcontract. Proposals shall be valid for at least 60 days after the due date.

Acceptance of late proposals will be at the sole discretion of the University. The University reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any minor irregularities in any proposal, or to cancel this RFP at any time prior to award without cost to the University. This RFP does not include provisions for the direct reimbursement of proposal preparation costs.

The University Procurement Representative is Brandt Esser and may be reached by telephone at (925) 423-1518, by fax at (925) 423-8019 or by e-mail at esser3@llnl.gov.

The University of California manages the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory and conducts Laboratory business under Laboratory Procurement Policies and Procedures consistent with the Prime Contract between the University and the United States Government, represented by the Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (hereinafter called "DOE/NNSA").

ESTIMATED PRICE

The University estimates that the work described in the sample Subcontract will not exceed \$2,400,000.00.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Funding to perform all of the work described in the sample Subcontract is not available. The University anticipates that funding for all of the work will become available in a manner which will allow the successful Offeror to perform continuously until completion of the work. It is anticipated that the initial funding amount will be \$300,000.

NAICS CODE AND SIZE STANDARD

The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) Code for this acquisition is **541511, Custom Computer Programming Services**. The corresponding small business size standard for this acquisition is annual receipts of \$21 Million or less.

The Offeror shall base its Small Business Program Representations in the attached Representations and Certifications form on this small business size standard. Annual receipts are to be based on the average annual gross revenue for the past three fiscal years. Refer to Subpart 19.1 - Size Standards of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) for information on calculating your annual average gross revenue.

PROPOSAL PREPARATION

Refer to Attachment 2, Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions, for related information. This Attachment contains detailed and specific instructions on what must be included in the proposal. It is extremely important to note that Attachment 1, the Statement of Work, and Attachment 2 must be used together. Attachment 1 contains the technical requirements and Attachment 2 describes how an Offeror must respond to those technical requirements. In addition, Attachment 2 also includes how an Offeror must respond in its proposal to business and pricing requirements of this solicitation.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Refer to Attachment 2, Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions, for related information. Part 1 of this Attachment describes in detail how the University will evaluate the proposals received in response to this solicitation.

SELECTION OF AWARDEE

Refer to Attachment 2, Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions, for related information. Specifically, Part 1.3 describes how the University will make its selection.

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

Offerors' Questions

The University will respond to questions submitted in writing to the University Procurement Representative on or before August 11, 2004. Questions submitted after this date may not be answered. Questions may be submitted by letter, facsimile or e-mail. Answers to questions that are germane to the interpretation of the University's requirements will be issued to all Offerors in writing or posted on the RFP website.

Submittal of Proposals

Proposals are due to the University Procurement Representative on Wednesday, August 17, 2004, not later than 4:00 p.m., Pacific Time. Acceptance of late proposals will be at the sole discretion of the University. Facsimile proposals are not acceptable.

The Offeror shall e-mail a proposal to esser3@llnl.gov or deliver the original to one of the following addresses:

Address for Commercial Courier

(Not For Hand Delivery)

University of California
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Attention: Brandt Esser
Mail Code L-550
RFP: B539728
7000 East Avenue
Livermore, CA 94550

Address for Mailing

University of California
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Attention: Brandt Esser
Mail Code L-550
RFP: B539728
P.O. Box 5012
Livermore, CA 94551

Proprietary Data

The University prefers not to receive proprietary data. If proprietary data is included in a proposal, it must be marked "Proprietary." The University will exercise its best effort to avoid disclosure of proprietary data.

ENCLOSURES

The following enclosures are provided and need not be returned with the proposal:

Attachment 1, Draft Statement of Work for the Open Source High Performance Production Cluster InfiniBand Infrastructure
Attachment 2, Proposal Evaluation and Proposal Preparation Instructions
Sample Subcontract (including all documents incorporated by reference therein)
Model Small Business Subcontracting Plan

The Offeror shall complete the following enclosure and submit it with the proposal.

Representations and Certifications

Sincerely,

Brandt Esser
Procurement Representative

Enclosures: As Noted